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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated September 20, 2002, the period for response to which has been extended to February 20, 2003 by the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time, please consider the following remarks:

REMARKS

The claims have been rejected in view of one or more of U.S. Patent Nos. 5,949,242 to Wood et al. ("Wood"); 5,131,535 O'Connor et al. ("O'Connor"); 6,147,316 to Beffa ("Beffa"); 5,528,825 to Miyauchi et al. ("Miyauchi"); 6,184,699 to Smith ("Smith"); and 6,264,533 to Kummeth et al. ("Kummeth"). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections, and request reconsideration and withdrawal these rejections.

Claim 1, the only independent claim pending in the application, has been rejected in view of a combination of Wood, O'Connor, and Beffa. The Examiner acknowledges that neither Wood nor O'Connor teaches a digital storage device. The Examiner relies on Beffa to make up for this deficiency in Wood and O'Connor. More specifically, the Examiner relies on Beffa's fuse identifiers and a statement that the fuse identifiers are read and stored with test data. (See, e.g., column 5, lines 20-23.) Beffa's teachings, however, do not meet the requirements of claim 1 and therefore do not make up for the deficiencies in Wood and O'Connor.